FACTSHEET: New Mexico Seeking Injunctive Relief Against Meta

In March 2026, the New Mexico Department of Justice won a historic victory in a landmark jury verdict against Meta - becoming the first state to win at trial against a big tech company for misleading consumers and endangering children.

The second phase of the trial begins on May 4, 2026. During the bench trial, the New Mexico Department of Justice will argue that Meta's platforms have created a hazard to public health and safety and seek injunctive relief that requires Meta to pay additional damages and make specific changes to its platforms and company operations.

The State will ask Chief Judge Bryan Biedscheid to order Meta to adopt a series of protections and processes to remedy the harms the company has created for users under 18 in New Mexico. The key measures New Mexico will propose for injunctive relief are outlined below and apply specifically to users in New Mexico across all of Meta's platforms:

Enact Real Age Verification

- Deploy technologically feasible age-verification tools for all users.
- Permanently delete any personal identifying information collected to verify age.
- Block children under 13 from using Meta's platforms and delete the accounts and all personal information collected from children under 13.
- Require that all accounts for users under 18 to have an associated guardian account.

Proactively Prevent Online Child Sexual Exploitation

- Do not recommend accounts of users under 18 to adults and do not permit adult users to find accounts of users under 18 when searching.
- Prevent any adult not directly connected to a user under 18 from messaging that user.
- Prevent users in countries identified as hot spots for sextortion from making or accepting friend requests from users under 18.
- Prevent AI chatbots and adult users from engaging in romantic or sexualized conversations with users under 18.
- Impose a one-strike permanent ban for adult users who engage in child sexual exploitation or are repeatedly reported or blocked by users under 18, and prevent

those users from creating new accounts with the same device, IP address, or phone number.
- Alert guardians when users under 18 are contacted by suspicious adults.

Investigate and Report Online Child Sexual Exploitation

- Permit New Mexico law enforcement to operate undercover accounts to test child safety on Meta products.
- Eliminate all end-to-end encryption for users under 18 so Meta no longer blinds itself and law enforcement to communications between children and predators.
- Make it easier for users to report child sexual exploitation and ensure human review of such reports within 48 hours.
- Ensure human review of all CyberTipline reports made to NCMEC by Meta, allowing law enforcement to investigate.
- Ensure that all CyberTipline reports made by Meta contain the information requested by NCMEMC in a timely manner.

Re-Design Recommendation Algorithms Used by Children to Prioritize Safety

- Optimize recommendation algorithms for users under 18 for integrity, not engagement.
- Prohibit the use of under-18 users' data to personalize recommendations.

Remove Addictive Features for Children

- Eliminate infinite scroll and autoplay for users under 18.
- Eliminate push notifications for users under 18 during school and sleep hours.
- Implement mandatory time limits for users under 18.
- Hide like and share counts by default for users under 18.

Accurately Disclose the Potential Harms of Meta's Products

Implement a warning label about the potential dangers of Meta's products.

- Prominently disclose the likelihood that teens will encounter violating content.
- Promptly report any product breaches that affect children's safety.
- Make Meta's litigation documents public to the greatest extent possible.

Establish a Court-Appointed Child Safety Monitor

The court-appointed child safety monitor would serve for at least five years and:

- Report to the court on Meta's compliance with the terms of the injunctive relief.
- Conduct investigations of Meta's platforms, with the assistance of child safety experts and auditors, and with access to internal Meta audits and tests.
- Receive confidential reports from Meta employees about violations of the court order.
- Make recommendations to add or change provisions to the injunctive relief.